Shabbat: Water Heater below 120° F

If you keep your water heater *permanently* set to less than 120° F (49° C) and if you turn off the heater before *Shabbat*, you may use that hot water on *Shabbat*. But you may not lower the setting just before *Shabbat* and then use hot water from that heater, since the water in the tank will still be hotter than 120° F for many hours (or even a day or more) after lowering the heater temperature.

NOTE If you will be using a large volume of hot water during *Shabbat*, consult a *rabbi* since the heating element might inevitably be turned on and that would be forbidden on *Shabbat*.

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